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SUBJECT: EFFORTS TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN

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1. DURING BRIEF, SEMI-SOCIAL DISCUSSION JULY 31 WITH DEPFONMIN MAS'UD, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR OTHMAN NURI, AND SYRIAN CHARGE, CHARGE GAVE MAS'UD AN ARABIC COPY OF THE SECRETARY'S JULY 14 MILWAUKEE SPEECH. MAS'UD RECALLED HAVING DISCUSSED THE SPEECH WITH CHARGE, AND SAID HE WOULD READ IT.

2. AFTERWARDS MAS'UD SAID THAT EFFORTS TO EXPELL ISRAEL FROM THE UN--WHICH HAD BEGUN IN JIDDA DURING ISLAMIC FONMIN'S CONFERENCE--SEEMED TO BE CONTINUING STRONGLY IN KAMPALA. CHARGE SAID NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES HAD NOT ATTENDED THE MEETING, AND EXPULSION RESOLUTION, WE UNDERSTOOD, WAS BEING OPPOSED BY A NUMBER OF THE STATES REPRESENTED. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT ON BALANCE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF ISRAEL WERE NOT EXPELLED FROM UN, BECAUSE IF THIS HAPPENED, ISRAEL WOULD BE FREE TO PURSUE ITS ILLEGAL CONDUCT COMPLETELY WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL
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CHECK. HE SAID LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO SOUTH AFRICA.

SYRIAN CHARGE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SOME ARAB AND THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE MIRIT OF EXPELLING ISRAEL FROM TH UN, ISRAEL ONLY UNDERSTOOD LANGUAGE OF PRESSURE. HE PREDICTED THAT ALTHOUGH SOME NON-ALIGNED AND EVEN ARAB NATIONS MIGHT EXPRESS RESERVATIONS IN PRIVATE ABOUT WISDOM OF ISRAEL'S EXPULSION, WHEN THE SPOTLIGHT WAS ON THEM THEY WOULD ALL FALL IN LINE WITH THE MAJORITY.

3. MAS'UD AND AMBASSADOR NURI, HOWEVER, BOTH SAID THEY THOUGHT THE CAMPAIGN TO EXPELL ISRAEL FROM THE UN, OR TO KEEP IT FROM TAKING ITS SEAL, COULD BE SERIOUSLY SLOWED DOWN IF BETWEEN NOW AND THE CONVENING OF THE UNGA SOME SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WERE VISIBLE ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI FRONT.
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